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## **Over 130 Scouts Earned their Eagle Scout Rank in 2019**

East Peoria, IL – Saturday, February 1st, the W. D. Boyce Council, Boy Scouts of America held their annual Eagle Scout Brunch at the Holiday Inn and Suites in East Peoria.

The Eagle Scout Class of 2019 was recognized and commended for their hard work and dedication to Scouting and their community. Over 130 Scouts received their Eagle Scout rank.

Class of 2019 Eagle Scout Owen Jones lead the Eagle Scout Charge, a motivational speech, congratulating all Eagle Scouts in his class. In Owen's speech he shared with us his courageous fight with cancer while earning his Eagle. Jones said, "I've learned that at the end of the day, we need to accept that not everything is going to go perfect in life. But, we can achieve amazing things by using our precious seconds wisely, and enjoy the times when things are going right. Just don't forget to continue using your time wisely, use your Scouting experience to strive for excellence in all that you do, and in the hardest times remember that the clock keeps on ticking."

Also awarded at the event, was Jonathan Rixstine of Troop 1. He was the recipient of the Simpkins Scholarship award and given \$2,000 towards any year of junior college, university, technical or trade schools.

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If you have more questions about the Eagle Scout Brunch, please contact Tom Zimmerman, Director of Capital and Endowment for the W. D. Boyce Council at 309.673.6136 or email [tom.zimmerman@scouting.org](mailto:tom.zimmerman@scouting.org).

*The W. D. Boyce Council, Boy Scouts of America's main office is located at 614 N.E. Madison Avenue near downtown Peoria. The council currently impacts 19,000 kids in 14 counties spread across Central Illinois. The W. D. Boyce Council is divided into five districts - Crossroads, Heartland, Lowaneu, Wotamalo, and Exploring/Learning For Life which all serve their own counties in Central Illinois. ScoutREACH is the council's outreach effort dedicated to reaching youth of all circumstances from within the council.*

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